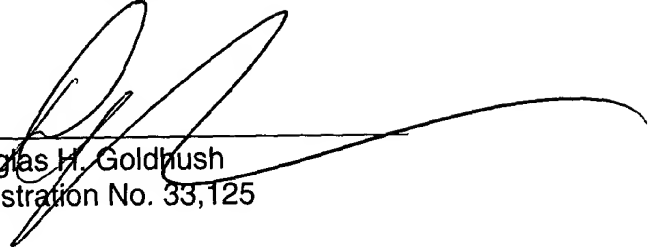


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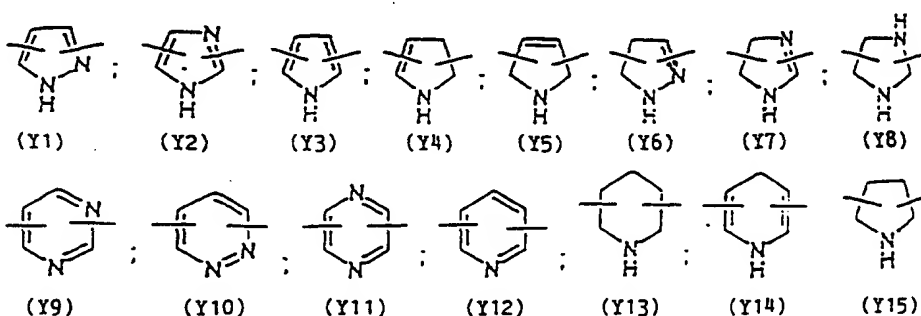
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4. (Amended) Compounds according to [claims 1-2] claim 1 wherein the precursors of B and B<sub>1</sub> are those meeting test 4.

5. (Amended) Compounds according to [claims 1-4] claim 1 wherein Y<sup>3</sup> in formula (III) is selected from the following:



7. (Amended) Compounds according to [claims 1-6] claim 1 wherein in the precursor steroids R'' = -CO-CH<sub>2</sub>OH, -CH(CH<sub>3</sub>)-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-COOH.

8. (Amended) Compounds according to [claims 1-7] claim 1 wherein in the precursor steroids the hydroxyl function is in position 3 and/or in position 11, and/or having in R'' an hydroxyl or carboxylic function in terminal position.

9. (Amended) Compounds according to [claims 1-8] claim 1, wherein the precursor steroids are selected from the following: Budesonide, Hydrocortisone, Alclomethasone, Algestone, Beclomethasone, Betamethasone, Chloroprednisone, Clobetasol, Clobetasone, Clocortolone, Cloprednol, Cortisone, Corticosterone, Deflazacort, Desonide, Desoximethasone, Dexamethasone, Diflorasone Diflucortolone,

Difluprednate, Fluazacort, Flucoronide, Flumethasone, Flunisolide, Fluocinolone Acetonide, Fluocinonide, Fluocortyn Butyl, Fluocortolone, Fluorometholone, Fluperolone Acetate, Fluprednidene Acetate, Fluprednisolone, Flurandrenolide, Formocortal, Halcinonide, Halobetasol Propionate, Halomethasone, Halopredone Acetate, Hydrocortamate, Loteprednol Etabonate, Medrysone, Meprednisone, Methylprednisolone, Momethasone Furoate, Paramethasone, Prednicarbate, Prednisolone, Prednisolone 25-Diethylaminoacetate, Prednisolone Sodium Phosphate, Prednisone, Prednival, Prednylidene, Rimexolone, Triamcinolone, Triamcinolone Acetonide, 21-Acetoxypregnenolone, Cortivazol, Amcinonide, Fluticasone Propionate, Mazipredone, Tixocortol, Triamcinolone Hexacetonide, Ursodesoxycholic acid, Chenodeoxycholic acid, Mitatrienediol, Moxestrol, Ethynylestradiol, Estradiol, Mestranol.

10. (Amended) Compounds or salts, or their compositions according to [claims 1-9] claim 1 for use as a medicament; provided that in the compounds of formula (I) are excluded the drugs with  $A = R^-$  when  $b_0 = 0$  and  $C = -T_c-Y_0^-$  wherein the free valence of  $Y_0$  is saturated as indicated above, and  $s = 1$  or  $2$ .

11. (Amended) Use of the compounds or salts, or their compositions according to [claims 1-9] claim 1 for the preparation of drugs for the therapeutic stress oxidative use; in the compounds of formula (I) when  $b_0 = 0$  and  $C = -T_c-Y_0$  wherein the free valence of  $Y_0$  is saturated as indicated above,  $s = 1$  or  $2$ , the drug can be  $A = R^-$ .

12. (Amended) Pharmaceutical formulations containing as active principle the compounds or their salts of [claims 1-9] claim 1.

12. (Amended) Pharmaceutical formulations containing as active principle the compounds or their salts of [claims 1-9] claim 1.